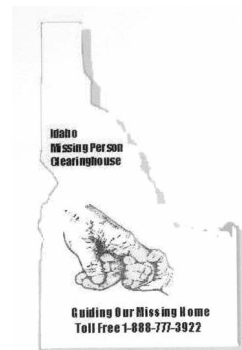


# MISSING IN Idaho



May 2007  
bring all of  
Idaho's  
Missing home  
safely.

## IDAHO'S FIRST OBSERVATION OF MISSING PERSONS DAY A SUCCESS!

The first observation of Missing Persons Day in Idaho was held in Idaho Falls, September 14, 2006. The primary goals were to educate the community of missing persons, and through awareness, education and prevention, provide the community with the tools to assist individuals, if the need arose.

Audra Burgener, the moving force behind the observance, was the Master of Ceremonies. Speakers included Brent and Hevenlee Hoopes, the parents of Amber Hoopes; missing since 2000, Ida Hardcastle of the Idaho Falls City Council, Kim Petersen of the Carol Sund Carrington Memorial Foundation, and Lt. Governor Mike Ricks. Megan Ker, who was abducted from her Idaho Falls home in 2002 and found her way safely home, told her story.

Approximately twenty-five booths were set up for participants to gather information and education materials. Fingerprinting of children and their parents was offered by both the Bonneville County Sheriff's office and Idaho Falls Police department.

The Missing Persons Clearinghouse was represented with a booth full of educational handouts and a photo board of the missing persons of southeast Idaho.



The MPCH photo board featuring missing persons from southeastern Idaho.



Ms. Megan Ker addressing the assembled.



Some of the community who attended.

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### 2007 MISSING PERSONS TRAINING

The Idaho Missing Persons Clearinghouse will be offered free training in 7 locations in the state during March, 2007. The locations, dates and times are as follows:

Idaho Falls	Law Enforcement Building 605 N Capital Ave	March 6	0800-1700
Pocatello	Pocatello PD training room 911 N 7 <sup>th</sup> Street	March 7	0800-1700
Jerome	ISP training room 18 W 200 S	March 8	0800-1700
Sandpoint	Marine training center 4001 N Boyer	March 20	0800-1700
Post Falls	PD training room 1717 E Polston Ave	March 21	0800-1700
Lewiston	PD training center 2419 16 <sup>th</sup> Ave	March 22	0800-1700
Meridian	POST Classroom D	March 28	0800-1700
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The topics of this year's training will include:

- The President's initiative on DNA
  - Overview of how the increase in the use of DNA can increase law enforcement's ability to
  - Solve more crimes, especially missing person cases
  - Elementary review on DNA
  - Locations where it can be collected
    - Crimes by statute where DNA can be helpful in solving crimes, and
    - Physical locations
  - Basic collection methods and options for testing
  - CODIS
- ViCap Violent Criminal Apprehension Program
  - Research and capabilities of ViCap for Missing Persons and other high profile crimes.

The training is 8 hours in length, has been designed for officers, investigators, first responders, and personnel who are involved in the entry of data into databases, and is POST accredited for continuing education.

Training dates and attendance reservations will be forthcoming via e-mail, and letters to the Chiefs and Sheriffs, as well as attendees from last year. To reserve class space, e-mail [eloise.skinner@isp.idaho.gov](mailto:eloise.skinner@isp.idaho.gov).

See you during the MPCH training tour!

## MISSING PERSONS TRAINING WEBSITES

Be sure to check these great websites when you are looking for training on missing persons.

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children  
jrletc@ncmec.org

Fox Valley Technical College and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention  
<http://dept.fvtc.edu/ojjdp>

National AMBER Alert training site  
[www.amber-net.org](http://www.amber-net.org)

Idaho's Missing Person Clearinghouse website  
<http://www.isp.state.id.us/identification/missing/index.html>

## CRIMINAL RECORDS TEAM FULLY STAFFED

After many months, we are pleased to announce the Criminal Records Team is fully staffed and up to speed. In November, we welcomed our new teammate Gloria Hackworth, a transfer from the RCC in Meridian. Amy Jordan, and Gloria are sharing the duties with the Criminal Records and Missing Persons Clearinghouse, and Maria Eguren is our ace in latent fingerprints. The entire team wishes each of you a wonderful 2007!

## IDAHO'S MISSING PERSONS STATISTICS

Catastrophic	1
Disability	8
Endangered	45
Involuntary	20
Juvenile	176
Other	28
Total Missing	278

## PHOTOGRAPHS ESSENTIAL

As we each know, we recognize people by their photographs. It is important that all missing persons have a photograph attached to the web page.

The following is taken from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children:

"The photograph should be a recent, head-and-shoulders color photograph of the child in which the face is clearly seen. It should be of "school-portrait" quality, and the background should be plain or solid so it does not distract from the subject.

When possible, the photograph should be in a digitized form and available on a compact disk (CD), as opposed to just a hard copy. This minimizes the time necessary to scan, resize, and make color corrections before disseminating it to law enforcement.

The photograph should be an accurate depiction of the child, not overly posed or "glamorized," nor should other people, animals, or objects be in the photograph. The photograph should not be taken outside, out of focus, torn, damaged, or very small.

The photograph should have space for accurate, narrative description useful to identify the child such as name, nickname, height, weight, sex, age, eye color, identifying marks, glasses, and braces.

The photograph should be updated at least every 6 months for children 6 years of age or younger and then once a year, or when a child's appearance changes.

All copies of child's photograph and information should be maintained in an easily accessible, secure space by the parents or guardian. The photograph and data should not be stored in a public database.

Do the posters I see and the cards I get in the mail really help recover missing children? Absolutely. One in six missing kids featured on these cards and through the efforts of other NCMEC photo partners are recovered as a direct result of the photograph. In fact, because of the ADVO® mailing, NCMEC reaches up to 79 million homes weekly with the photographs of missing children. "

Another hint for law enforcement agencies: develop a cooperative working relationship with your local schools. Most schools have ID photos of their students which could be used on the MPCH database. Photos can be emailed to [eloise.skinner@isp.idaho.gov](mailto:eloise.skinner@isp.idaho.gov) for placement on the website.